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SUBJECT: BUSY SEASON FOR VISITS BETWEEN KUWAIT AND EUROPEAN  
MINISTERS

1. APPEARS THERE WILL BE A FLURRY OF HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL VISITS BETWEEN GOK AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS. IN GENERAL ENVOYS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES ARE EXPECTED HERE WHILE KUWAITI FONMIN WILL LEAD DELEGATION TO WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

2. LAST WEEK POLISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF TRADE OLSZEWSKI LED AN OFFICIAL MISSION HERE WHICH RESULTED IN SIGNING OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. FEW DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE AGREEMENTS, BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT POLES OFFERED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND POSSIBLE BARTER TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WERE DISCUSSED.

3. UPON POLISH TEAM'S DEPARTURE, GOK ANNOUNCED EAST GERMAN DEPUTY PREMIER REICHELTS WILL LEAD A GROUP OF TWENTY OFFICIALS HERE JUNE 15. ORIGINALLY KUWAITI MINISTER OF COMMERCE WAS EXPECTED TO VISIT BERLIN, BUT ACCORDING EAST GERMAN EMBOFF HIS GOVERNMENT ASKED THAT REICHELTS VISIT KUWAIT INSTEAD. IN ADDITION TO THIS VISIT, HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEDULED TO VISIT KUWAIT JUNE 23-26.

4. MEANWHILE LOCAL PRESS QUOTING GOK SOURCES HAS REPORTED THAT GOK FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD WILL VISIT LONDON, PARIS, BONN, ROME AND SOME SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS. PRESS SAYS HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OIL DELEGATION.

5. COMMENT: VISITS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS FOLLOW APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS BY YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA TO TAP KUWAITI FUNDS. MINISTER OF FINANCE ATEEQI, WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS, RECENTLY REFERRED TO KUWAITI FINANCIAL COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA, AND IT CLEAR BY NOW THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES AS A GROUP ARE WITHIN PALE AS FAR AS GOK CONCERNED. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN VIRTUALLY NO TALK, WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT SIGNIFICANT INCREASE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH USSR.

6. KUWAIT, OF COURSE, HAS MUCH DEEPER AND RICHER ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN KUWAITI-EASTERN EUROPEAN EXCHANGES. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC DETAILS YET ABOUT HIS TRIP, BUT WE ASSUME EEC-ARAB DIALOGUE AND CONSUMER-PRODUCER TALKS AS WELL AS BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

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